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(SBU) On November 9, we delivered reftel talking points to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Special Advisor, UN Section, Torill Wanvik. Wanvik was aware of Norway's prior support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and told us that she would consider our request for additional funding. On November 14 we followed up with Wanvik and learned that Norwegians are considering tying GPEI funding to their Millennium Development Goal funds, but Wanvik stressed that no commitment has been made. Post will continue to follow-up with the MFA and inform the Department of its response. Whitney